



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Mr. Alfred C. DeCrane
President
Texaco, Inc.
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CERTIFIED MAIL No. P 244 325 095
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Request for Information

Dear Mr. DeCrane:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently investigating the circumstances regarding releases of hazardous substances from the Texaco Refining and Marketing, Inc. (Texaco), Bakersfield facility located in Bakersfield, California. The multiple releases under investigation occurred during the last three years, as summarized in Attachment 1 to this Information Request letter. During the collective releases, multiple hazardous substances were released into the environment. The EPA believes that Texaco may be in possession of information that is relevant to this investigation. Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), as amended, you are hereby requested to respond to the attached information request.

Federal law requires you to provide the requested information and documents to EPA. Section 104(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)(2), states that EPA may require:

Any person who has or may have information relevant to any of the following to furnish, upon reasonable notice, information or documents relating to such matter:

- (A) The identification, nature, and quantity of materials which have been or are generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at a vessel or facility or transported to a vessel or facility.
- (B) The nature or extent of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant at or from a vessel or facility.
- (C) Information relating to the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup.

Compliance with this information request is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to this information request within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, can result in an enforcement action by the EPA pursuant to Section

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